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To: **Mail Stop Amendment**  
**Commissioner for Patents**  
**P.O. Box 1450**  
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Applicant : James W. Forbes  
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Title : CENTER BEAM CAR WITH DEEP UPPER  
BEAM STRUCTURE  
  
Docket No. : 200405.00021  
Customer No. : 021324

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This letter is a voluntary amendment submitting new claims in this matter.

**Amendments to the Specification** - There are no amendments to the description at this time.

**Amendments to the Claims** - Amendments to the claims commence at page 2 hereof.

**Amendments to the Drawings** - There are no amendments to the drawings at this time.


**Remarks** - The Applicant's remarks begin at page 5 hereof.

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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)**

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